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SUBJECT: UN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES AND THE EC

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2650

1. EC COMMISSION AND PERM REP CONTACTS TELL US THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING BETWEEN MEMBER STATE EXPERTS ON WHETHER THE EC COUNCIL SHOULD AGREE TO A PROPOSED COUNCIL DECISION COMMITTING THE MEMBER STATES TO REFRAIN FROM SIGNING OR RATIFYING THE U.N. LINER CODE FOR A YEAR SO THAT A COMMON POSITION MIGHT BE ADOPTED (SEE REFTEL). OUR COMMISSION SOURCE SAID THAT FRANCE, BELGIUM AND GERMANY NOW TAKE THE POSITION THAT THEY WILL NOT "RATIFY" THE CODE WHILE A COMMON EC POSITION IS BEING SOUGHT, BUT THEY WOULD STILL LIKE TO "SIGN" IT BEFORE JUNE 30. THEY ARGUE THAT SINCE THERE MAY EVENTUALLY BE RATIFICATION OF THE CODE BY THE EC MEMBER STATES, BY NOT SIGNING THEY ARE MISSING OUT ON AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT GESTURE TOWARD THE "THIRD WORLD". THE COMMISSION

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HAS WARNED POTENTIAL SIGNERS THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKEN

TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE.

2. OUR PERM REP CONTACT SAID THAT A GREAT DEAL OF
WILL-TESTING IS TAKING PLACE AS THE COMMISSIONS
THREATS ARE BEING WEIGHED. THE NEXT COUNCIL WORKING
GROUP MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL NATIONAL EXPERTS WILL
TAKE PLACE ON MAY 20. OUR CONTACTS SAY THE ISSUE
MAY NOT, HOWEVER, BE RESOLVED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE,
I.E., JUST PRIOR TO THE JUNE 30 DEADLINE FOR
SIGNATURE OF THE CODE CONVENTION.MYERSON

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